UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA AT BECKLEY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v. Criminal Action No.: 5:24-cr-00032

KENIESHA BRACK

<u>ORDER</u>

On the 5th day of March 2024, came the Defendant, Keniesha Brack, in person and by counsel, Willard Clinton Carte, Assistant Public Defender, and also came the United States by Troy Adams, Assistant United States Attorney, for the purpose of the Defendant's entry of a plea of guilty to Count One of the Information filed against her. [Doc. 6]. Count One charges the Defendant with providing false statements on ATF form 4473 during purchase of firearms, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 924(a)(1)(A). [Id.]. This action was previously referred to the Honorable Omar J. Aboulhosn, United States Magistrate Judge, for submission of proposed findings and a recommendation ("PF&R"). Magistrate Judge Aboulhosn filed his Amended PF&R on March 6, 2024. [Doc. 21]. Magistrate Judge Aboulhosn recommended that the Court conditionally accept the Defendant's plea of guilty.

The Court need not review, under a *de novo* or any other standard, the factual or legal conclusions of the magistrate judge as to those portions of the findings or recommendation to which no objections are addressed. *See Thomas v. Arn*, 474 U.S. 140 (1985); *see also* 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1) ("A judge of the court shall make a *de novo* determination of those portions of the report or specified proposed findings or recommendations *to which objection is made.*" (emphasis added)). Failure to file timely objections constitutes a waiver of *de novo* review and the parties'

right to appeal the Court's order. See 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1); see also United States v. De Leon-Ramirez, 925 F.3d 177, 181 (4th Cir. 2019) (Parties may not typically "appeal a magistrate judge's findings that were not objected to below, as § 636(b) doesn't require de novo review absent objection."); Snyder v. Ridenour, 889 F.2d 1363, 1366 (4th Cir. 1989). Further, the Court need not conduct de novo review when a party "makes general and conclusory objections that do not direct the Court to a specific error in the magistrate's proposed findings and recommendations." Orpiano v. Johnson, 687 F.2d 44, 47 (4th Cir. 1982). Objections in this case were due on March 22, 2024. [Doc. 21]. No objections were filed.

Accordingly, the Court **ADOPTS** the PF&R [Doc. 21], and **DEFERS** acceptance of the Plea Agreement pending the opportunity to review the Defendant's Presentence Investigation Report. The Court **ADJUDGES** the Defendant guilty, and Defendant is deemed convicted of violating 18 U.S.C. § 924(a)(1)(A). The Court incorporates all dates and case events as provided in the PF&R.

The Court **DIRECTS** the Clerk to transmit a copy of this Order to the Defendant and their counsel, the United States Attorney, the United States Probation Office, and the Office of the United States Marshal

ENTER: April 4, 2024

Frank W. Volk
United States District Judge